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Soybean Festival: UTM involvement reaches 'all-time high'

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Staff Writer

Every year, the Martin community, students at UTM and neighboring cities alike make the journey to the annual Soybean Festival.

Any person can enjoy the outside glamorous appeal of the festival, but only certain individuals are aware of the more in-depth values on the week-long carnival.

For one, much hard work is

put in by individuals within the community, whether that be those associated with businesses or those participating in events on their own. Brad Thompson, the Director of Community Development for the City of Martin and a member on the Board of Directors for the Soybean Festival, said that the efforts behind the Soybean Festival are more strenuous than most people realize. Workers spend long, hot days

before the festival setting up the proximity and creating the attractive manifestation.

"It takes much planning, hard work, and collaboration for a festival to run smoothly, generate good vendors and attract large crowds," Thompson said.

This planning, however, does not go to waste. Thompson said that this year was a success in terms of UTM involvement.

"It was a privilege this year to

have the UTM Percussion to participate on our main stage to open for The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus on our university night. I [also] thought that UTM student involvement was at an all-time high. The Soybean Festival Committee makes a conscious effort to schedule diverse events that would appeal to every segment of our community," Thompson said.

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Debate over American involvement in Syria continues

Amber Sherman

Guest Writer

On Aug. 31, President Barack Obama announced that he was seeking support from Congress to take military action against Syria in response to the recent deadly chemical weapons attack.

Several citizens may be wondering how the United States has gotten into this predicament, and where it all began. It's been a two-year journey similar to one beginning with the former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak being detained in a Cairo prison. Egypt and Syria became connected, because Syria is mimicking Egypt and challenging the dictatorship running the country, but unlike Egypt, the Syrian government is responding and showing no fear.

Recently, all the chaos began, from raids to Jihadists brotherhood wars, ending with

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After 9/11: Relations have improved

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It's been 12 years since the attacks on the Twin Towers on Sept. 11 and one has to wonder if over those 12 years our relationship with and views of people from the Middle East have gotten any better than they were on Sept. 11, 2001.

I was only in fourth grade at the time of the attack in New York City, but I wasn't too young to understand the extreme racism that was happening throughout the country during this time. Like many people who grew up in small, predominately white rural towns, I was around racism throughout my childhood.

However, what I began to see after these attacks was disgusting. People were calling for the U.S. to completely bomb the Middle Eastern countries off the map without even taking the time to understand which of the countries we were at war with. Sadly, there are still those people out there.

The question is, is the view that Americans hold towards people from the Middle East any better than it was? I truly believe so. Don't believe me? Just look around UTM.

We have students from all over the world here in Martin and a considerable amount of those students are from Middle Eastern countries, specifically Saudi Arabia.

I've been at UTM since the Fall of 2010, and over that time I have learned a lot of things about Middle Eastern culture that has helped me better understand it and helped me grow as a person. However, what impresses me most is the interaction I see between these students and American students. In my years here, I have seen very few acts of racism or bigotry towards these students, which is completely opposite of what I saw from people following the destruction of the towers in New York.

Many will argue that the reason for the improved relationship is simply time. While I believe time helps, I think what has aided us in building our relationship with people from the Middle East is

education.

When you are around these people for classes, live with them and eat with them, you forge bonds, but more importantly you learn they are just like you. You become educated in the ways of a society that is, on one hand, totally different from your own, but on the other hand, very similar. One thing that is often lost is that regardless of sexuality, skin color, gender or nationality, people are people. It's such a simple concept, but it's one many people sadly fail to realize.

Is the relationship as good as it should be? Absolutely not. However, the progress that has been made throughout the past 12 years provides hope for a very bright future.

COLUMN

12 years is a slow pace for the US

Eric Brand

Viewpoints Editor

I was sitting in a cafeteria with a fellow American one day, and we were talking about the food.

I told the American that the Muslim students, not all but some, adhere to an Islamic dietary law, which is why some Muslims are so particular about their selection of food.

My American friend's response was a guess as to what the most basic rule of this dietary law might be. The guess wasn't exactly correct: the cow is a sacred animal.

Some of you may already know this, but this statement is actually a Hindu belief, and has nothing to do at all with Islamic law. Muslims love the taste of beef almost as much as

we Americans do – almost.

This friend of mine is by no means unintelligent; in fact, I would dare say this person is smarter than me. Yet 12 years of Middle Eastern-centered media coverage and an enormous increase in Middle Eastern students and residents in the U.S. was not enough to expose

“No one is a pure American, therefore anyone can be an American.

this common American to the difference between Arabic and Indian culture.

So my question is, what happened? Why do I still hear humorous stories about Americans that think

“Lebanese” means “lesbian” and that Egyptians speak Egyptian?

Honestly, I think that since 9/11, Americans have lost the ability to ignore Middle Eastern culture, which is scary when the Middle East has only been associated with gypsy magic and the removal of hands for most of the 20th century.

Now that America knows that the Middle East is not an oil and terrorist factory, and in fact has as much cultural diversity as the U.S., I think 12 years is more than enough time to have stopped the outright xenophobia the Arabic population has endured.

I understand that these things take time, like years, even centuries. But, we live in the United States of America. We are supposed to be different, remember? America is a

melting pot where no one is a pure American, therefore anyone can be an American.

I'm relieved, even excited that Americans are growing to accept Arabic people living and learning in the U.S. However, I don't think it should have taken more than a decade to get this far. And I'll be especially upset if it takes another decade to get over the post-war paranoia.

The Arabic population is perilously close to being caricaturized like the Japanese population during World War II, and that terrifies me. I have met Lebanese, Jordanian, Egyptian and Saudi Arabian people and trust me, the only thing these nationalities have in common is the part of the world in which they live. Most importantly, they are all a culture of people worth knowing.

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EDITORIAL

The Pacer encourages cultural understanding

With how often the U.S. insists on being involved with international affairs, it is no surprise that the image the world has of us is hard to pin down. Are we among the best educated in the world, or the worst? Are we the most open-minded thinkers, or the least?

Unfortunately, the answer is probably both. America is an enormous country and, especially in modern times, everyone has a voice.

We as Americans may be free to say almost anything we want

thanks to our First Amendment rights, but that does not guarantee that what is said will be rational or even coherent.

Just remember that opinions are unavoidable. Even if you don't feel strongly about anything involving the Arabic population in the U.S. or the Middle East, that in itself is an opinion.

As Americans, the best thing we can do to form a fair opinion of our Middle Eastern friends is to learn more.

For example, when asking a

Saudi Arabian student what he or she thinks of America's involvement in Syria, keep in mind that two other countries separate Syria and Saudi Arabia. Sure, the Saudi Arabian could give you an opinion, but it would be like asking a Tennessee resident what he thinks of Arkansas: he may not have even been there before.

The point is there is no harm at all in allowing ourselves to become aware of Middle Eastern culture. Especially since we can't turn on the TV

without seeing something related to that part of the world these days.

Think of how beneficial it would be to know what countries surround Syria and how they will be affected by America's decision to attack. Think of how Americans commonly misunderstand the difference between a Muslim and a terrorist based entirely on the fact that Americans generally don't know Islamic law.

We at *The Pacer* believe that

no race is inherently evil. Does America have enemies in the Middle East? Of course it does. Is the entire Middle East our enemy? No, don't be ridiculous.

Over a decade has passed since 9/11. At this point, prejudice against Middle Eastern people can no longer be considered paranoia, but racism. We know, it's a strong, overused word, but an entire continent of people being blamed for what a small extremist group did is beyond justifying.

COLUMN

US intervention in Syria: A complex issue

Cameron Graham

Staff Writer

By now, I'm sure everyone has heard of the most recent reports of the use of chemical weapons in Syria by President Bashar al-Assad's regime against rebel forces. The attack on Aug. 21 claimed the lives of hundreds of non-combatants and has spawned many debates in the global realm.

International laws and norms clearly prohibit the use of chemical weapons, and rightfully so, but is military action the best solution? President Obama is calling for limited strikes against the regime.

U.N. inspectors have completed the fieldwork that is expected to provide crucial evidence in regards to the attack, but a full analysis has yet to be completed. While the U.S. is prepared to conduct military airstrikes on the region, claiming the

attacks were certainly ordered by Syrian government forces, international and domestic hindrances are keeping the Obama administration from action. With responses from China, Russia and Iran, all allies of Syria, it would be in the best interest of the United States to remain hesitant in a situation in which several of our own allies have chosen to do so.

While the use of chemical weapons is a matter that should be handled with the utmost importance, the most utilitarian response to the attack on Damascus is another debate. Military intervention, particularly airstrikes, is the desired action by the Obama administration. Multiple government officials have noted that there are no other interests that are motivating the hasty assertion of military action besides deterrence of future use of chemical weapons.

If this were the absolute case, I would be more in favor of

helping the Syrian opposition in some manner. However, the complexity of international politics is only convoluted more by the external interests of government and corporate elites from all sides.

Diplomatic and/or institutional approaches should be considered more favorably versus military action by the United States. International courts were established to prosecute and determine the guilt of those who are accused of violating international law. The utilization of these courts has not been mentioned in any media report I've observed. Shaky relationships with the aforementioned allies of Syria and a U.S. military offensive could potentially provoke conflict on a larger scale.

Take the time to question the rationality of the proposed actions by our nation's leaders, for they will have an effect on the future in which we live.



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News

ATO recognized nationally for service hours

Lauren Bennett

Guest Writer

The Zeta Pi Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega has redefined what it means to serve. Recently, this UTM fraternity was recognized by the national organization of ATO and named the Good Samaritan Elevate runner-up with over 12,000 service hours.

Though being a small chapter, the passionate men of Zeta Pi have made not only an impact in the communities of West Tennessee, but also they have selflessly made an impact in the lives of children affected by cancer.

"ATO is a brotherhood that works towards making each other better. But our commitment to St. Jude is what really brings us together. Even though we only raised \$100,000, it puts a smile on our faces knowing that we have helped save a child's life,"

said Tyler Radford, current President of Zeta Pi.

In 1964, Zeta Pi adopted St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital as their philanthropy. Having this philanthropy for almost 50 years, the men of Zeta Pi have raised over several million dollars for the children of St. Jude.

In 1989, the men started "The Push," a four-day long event in which they walk through four Tennessee cities, eight hours a day and conclude in Memphis, Tenn., at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. They then tour the hospital and present the check.

This past spring, \$23,000 of the \$100,000 came from this four day push.

The first Push, in 1989, only raised \$9,900. Since 2001, they have raised at least \$100,000 each year. Over the past 12 years alone, they have raised a total of over \$1.5 million.

Also, throughout the school

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year, the men will travel to the hospital to donate blood and platelets for the children. Each bag of platelets is worth \$750; this is one of the main ways Zeta Pi gives to St. Jude.

"Service means everything to ATO. We raise \$100,000

for St. Jude every year, which puts us second in the nation for philanthropic donations. For a smaller school, that's a huge deal. Getting to tour St. Jude is one of the most beneficial experiences I've ever had. It will change your life and how you think about things," said Nathan Hart, member of Zeta Pi.

Not only do they raise money for St. Jude by "The Push" and giving blood, but they also host fraternity events at their house that benefit the hospital.

In the fall, they host "Hop For A Cure," which consists of different events for all sororities on campus to participate. In addition to this, they have penny wars, pledge auction and a corn hole tournament.

They also have a coat drive during their Help Week, and they participate in the campus Up Til Dawn event. All of these functions help raise money that is donated straight to St. Jude.

"To be able to raise \$100,000 a year is something that we can pride ourselves on. To be able to have an impact on people's lives in need is truly a blessing. During my four years being involved and around St. Jude taught me a lot of life lessons. It's a very humbling experience. Getting to meet the children is something you can take home with you. It makes you feel like you've done something worth while," said Barrett Tanner, alumni of Zeta Pi.

After a successful year of raising money and serving, the men of Alpha Tau Omega at UTM are looking forward to another great year. With their 50th anniversary approaching in February, these men have set higher goals for themselves hoping to exceed their own expectations and raise more money than they ever have.

Syria, from Cover

Syria launching a nuclear attack on their own citizens killing more than 1,400 people.

"The United States should take military action against Syrian targets," President Barack Obama said in a Rose Garden address on Aug. 31.

"In a world with many dangers, this menace [Syria] must be confronted. After careful deliberation, I have decided that the United States should take military action against Syrian regime targets," Obama said.

Obama said he was "prepared to give that order." However, he said he would seek congressional authorization when federal lawmakers return from vacation

which will be Sept. 9.

Obama's decision came amid public opinion polls, showing that four out of five Americans wanted the president to seek lawmakers' approval, and with more than 100 congressional signatures on letters delivering the same message.

Obama has acknowledged repeatedly that Americans are "war-weary" after a decade of conflict and worried about standing on the threshold of another escalating entanglement in the Middle East.

"This would not be an open-ended intervention, we would not put boots on the ground. Instead, our action would

be designed to be limited in duration and scope. Some things are more important than partisan differences or the politics of the moment. Today I'm asking Congress to send a message to the world that we are united as one nation," Obama said.

For the past month, Obama has been meeting and talking with other world leaders such as the British Prime Minister to get everyone on the same page and work together to fix the problems in Syria. In an attempt to stop some of the ongoing violence in Syria, Obama has proposed a limited military action to dissuade Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from

using chemical weapons against his people.

Obama said he's determined to hold Syria accountable for what U.S. intelligence experts have concluded were chemical weapons attacks against Syrian civilians. Syrian government denies all allegations, putting the blame on Jihadists rebel groups. If the United States does attack, people hope to acquire many allies such as The Arab League, Turkey and France.

Obama continues to attempt to build support for the Syrian intervention with his White House address yesterday and a Senate vote on the issue expected this week.

Soybean, from Cover

This year the Soybean Festival had over 50 different events throughout the week, over 50 different vendors, over 75 local sponsors and approximately 20,000 people throughout the length of the festival.

The council is now in the procedure of closing out the festival. Financial assessments, population tally and other statistics are being recorded and compared to the previous year. This proves useful with figuring out the participation turn-out and in recent years, it has shown that participation continues to increase.

"Each year our festival gains more attention, has more events and attracts more people. We plan to do just that again next year," Thompson said.

News

Collegiate Bass Anglers Team gives fishing advice for season

Aimee Bilger
Staff Writer

Fishing is not only recreational time to release stress, but it is also a sport. The Collegiate Bass Anglers Team of UTM know first hand how to make your fishing experience a successful one.

"Fishing is easy; it's the catching part that's hard," said Jonathan Garrison, Senior Bass Anglers Team Alumni.

Although fishing is allowed all year long with the proper permits, early spring and early fall are the best seasons.

"During this time, it is the time of the spawning, meaning the fish are reproducing," said Dylan Powley, Marketing Major and CBAT President.

CBAT competes against approximately 200 colleges across the nation and finished 10th this past year in the ACA school rankings.

"Fishing is a baptism by fire; some don't have a chance to go fishing much, but we take beginners and allow them to fish in our club tournaments. Some of the beginners have advanced to national tournaments," said Powley.

To make your fishing experience a success there are a few items you will need: a life jacket, a tackle, rod, reel, bait, hooks, bug spray, food and drink.

"There isn't a need for a cell phone in your check list, if it's a good location you won't have any service," said Garrison.

A technique of fishing is going out to see if the fish are biting. There are many factors that could play a part in getting the fish to bite. One factor may be the type of bait that you choose to use, live or artificial.

"With live bait there's less work, you don't have to work the bait you can let it sit," said Garrison.

Good locations for fishing are The Reelfoot Lake, which is known for their crappie fish,



UTM Collegiate Bass Anglers Team President Dylan Powley (above) shows off his catch at the Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship. CBAT alumnus Jonathan Garrison (right) encourages the use of live fishing bait to catch the big bass. | **Photos Credit / Collegiate Bass Championship**

Martin City Pond, known for their catfish and bass, and the Kentucky Lake, which is known for their bass fish.

The Kentucky Lake has bass tournaments every weekend and it is open to the public.

"Fishing is a get away. I've dedicated a majority of my life to

it. It doesn't matter what I'm going through when I'm out on the bank my thoughts are geared towards fishing," said Powley.

To learn more about the Collegiate Bass Anglers Team of UTM, contact Dylan Powley at matdpowl@ut.utm.edu.

Student Success offers tips for students about refund check spending

Amber Sherman
Guest Writer

The moment a student receives his or her refund check, the choice arises to either use those funds wisely or not.

"A refund check is training for real life. If you can't manage that, how will you manage a salary?" said Melanie Young, Advisor of the Student Success Center.

Young said that while a refund check is a great chance to take care of some of the expenses students have, many times students get sidetracked and forget what the money should really be used for.

Young said that one of the best things to use the funds for is buying essentials, such as books, a new computer or school supplies.

"It's easy money in a sense, so you should want something to show for it," Young said.

Young also encourages students with larger quantity checks to open a savings account or set up a payment plan to cover small expenses (i.e. gas, groceries,

etc.) so the money lasts and isn't blown in a few weeks.

Students should also think ahead, such as if they want to take summer classes, which Young said is a good way to use money wisely.

"If you blow your refund check and are in need of help, immediately talk to financial aid, your parents and learn from your mistakes," Young said.

Young emphasizes that if students don't learn now, then their financial future will not be as stable.

"If you blow your refund check, how are you as young adults going to learn to budget a salary check when you have a career? When something like that happens in real life, there won't be anyone for you to fall back on, and you could lose your house, car, [or other important things]. The key is [to] budget your money, even the refund check, because it's too easy to spend. Have a savings account, and make sure your immediate needs are met," Young said.

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News

Travel Study programs open doors for students

Joel Sissman

Guest Writer

For those who have ever wanted to broaden their college experience by learning somewhere other than at the campus of UTM, the UTM Travel Study office might just be able to help.

This year, over 15 programs are available including trips to Japan, France, Germany, Washington D.C., Brazil and Guatemala.

"We have several travel studies, some of them domestic, some of them international, ... depending on the academic interest of the student," said Lorrie Jackson, the Travel Study Coordinator for UTM, who has been working for the department for the past 10 years.

Despite being limited to one's major, there is a wide range of travel studies to choose from, whether it's agriculture and engineering in Guatemala or fashion design and business in Kenya.

Jackson said that going abroad overseas or even closer to home can greatly increase a student's personal success.

"Experiential learning is a big buzz word, and travel study is actually the extension of the student's education outside of the classroom," Jackson said.

"The things that [students] learn from different cultures and places is invaluable, and it makes them more sought after in the business world."

An average of 200 students go abroad every year, which has been steadily increasing since 2009. Some of the popular travel

studies abroad include London, Ireland and even Japan.

Jackson believes that the interest comes from the teacher's ability to engage the student and want them to succeed.

"Ideally, that's our goal, that there is a program at least every other year," Jackson said.

To pay for a travel study, students can apply for the Student Government Association (SGA) Scholarship to help with some of the costs for going abroad. The basic qualifications for obtaining the SGA scholarship include having a good academic standing and being enrolled full time.

Once accepted, students will receive \$500 for domestic travel studies and \$600 for travel studies abroad.

"If there are any extra funds left in our budget, we give those back to the students. ... It's usually every other year [when] we are able to pull those funds," Jackson said.

The Travel Study Department also works with almost every other department on campus who supports them both administratively and financially to ensure the student's needs are met.

"Most of the colleges understand that we're in a global environment. They are looking for opportunities to engage the global world. I think that's one of the things that sets us apart," Jackson said.

For more information about possible travel studies, contact Lorrie Jackson, UTM Travel Study Coordinator, at 731-881-1023 or at ljackson@utm.edu.

Scenes from the 'Bean



The UTM Relay for Life teamed up with locals to raise money with the Cancer Crash Car Bash at the Soybean Festival. | *Pacer Photo / Ashley Cunningham*



The Martians performed during the Faith and Community night Wednesday. | *Pacer Photo / Ashley Cunningham*



Sawyer Brown performed in front of a "packed house" Saturday night downtown at the festival. | *Pacer Photo / Mary Jean Hall*

News

UTM prepares to stay 'Up 'til Dawn' for St. Jude

Becca Partridge

Arts & Entertainment Editor

The third annual Up 'til Dawn event begins this week and will continue for the next two months.

The preparation this week leads up to the grand finale on Friday, Nov. 22, which is an overnight event that lasts to the early morning hours the next day.

Up 'til Dawn is a student organization that helps fundraise for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Campuses nationwide host this event in efforts to raise money for the children at St. Jude.

"This year everything will completely different," said Katie Jarvis, the executive director of Up 'til Dawn at UTM. "It's not just the letter-writing event anymore."

This year involves more team-based involvement. Each team must consist of six members. The team captain must register on www.stjude.org/utd with the team name, and invite the rest of the team members to join.

Each team member must raise at least \$100, with a total of \$600 per team, to be invited to the grand finale in November. Potential team members do not need to let that number be daunting.

The Up 'til Dawn Executive Board has different events lined up throughout the semester to help teams reach that overall fundraising goal.

There will be daily events during the two months prior to the grand finale event. The first week will be a "bucket week" from Sept. 9-12.

One of the first events also includes a competition for the "best smile" and "best eyes," which are unisex categories, "best arms" (for guys) and "best legs" (for ladies).

Any team wishing to participate should enter a picture of a smile, eyes, arms or legs

that they believe is the "best" on the UTM campus. The images will be displayed on a bucket throughout the week from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. inside the Boling University Center. The first three entries for each category will be used.

At the end of the week, the bucket with the most money in it for each category will be announced the winner. The winning teams receive all of the money collected to be put toward their team goal.

Interested teams are encouraged to contact Jessica Campbell, the side events chair, for more information on "bucket week." Her email is jeslcamp@ut.utm.edu.

During the week of Sept. 16-20, Up 'til Dawn executive board members will be in the UC with computers available for students to register.

The week of Sept. 23-26 will be Awareness Week. The National Program Marketing team for St. Jude will be in Martin that week observing the events.

"They have only decided to visit schools that are top grossing and highest potential schools, and that is UT Martin," said UTM Up 'til Dawn St. Jude representative, Mykila Cobb.

To kick off Awareness Week on Sept. 23, there will be a photo booth in the UC where students can take pictures with personalized captions. The pictures will be posted on the UTM Up 'til Dawn Facebook page.

Sept. 24 will be the letter-writing event in the UC ballroom from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Teams are encouraged to come write letters to ask for donations as a way to help each team member reach his or her goal.

Music will be played and prizes will be given away throughout the letter-writing event.

Throughout Awareness Week, there will be a "shave-off" competition.

Three to five men who are



Members of the UTM Up 'til Dawn Executive Committee walked the crowd during the Soybean Festival Saturday night asking for donations. Those volunteers included (from left) Team Cultivation Chair Roslyn Moseley, Assistant Director Alison Nutt, Mission Chair Allison Griswold and Executive Director Katie Jarvis. The Up 'til Dawn volunteers raised \$1,425.59. | **Photo Credit / Kenny Friend**

willing to shave their heads for the kids at St. Jude will be entered into the competition. Each will have their picture on a bucket in the UC Monday, Sept. 23 through Wednesday, Sept. 25.

On Thursday, Sept. 26 at 12:30 p.m. in Watkins Auditorium, the "lucky" guy with the most money in his bucket will get his head shaved. This is similar with the "bucket week," since all of the money raised will go toward the respective team.

Thurs., Sept. 26 is the team sign-up deadline. Teams who haven't been able to sign up by this date will not be able to participate in the grand finale.

The October events are still being planned, and will be announced at a later date.

Everything in the next two months will be leading up to the grand finale. On the night of the grand finale, there will be events

and games all night in order to help everyone stay awake through the night.

There will be prizes given throughout the night. Each team member also will receive a free t-shirt upon arriving at the grand finale.

"It's all for the kids at St. Jude," said Jarvis. "We're doing this so they don't ever have to get that hospital bill. It's so the families don't have to worry about it."

For more information, like the UT Martin Up 'til Dawn Facebook page, follow them on Twitter or Instagram @UTMartinUTD, or contact the UT Martin Up 'til Dawn Recruitment Chair, Joey Moore, at josamoor@ut.utm.edu.

"Come out, get pumped, and let's stay up for good," said Jarvis. "It's gonna be rockin'!"



UTM Up 'til Dawn Executive Director Katie Jarvis speaks to the audience at the Soybean Festival Saturday night. | **Pacer Photo / Mary Jean Hall**

News

Student Rec Center offers fall fitness classes

Mariah Whitney

Staff Writer

Bikini season is over and fall is fast approaching. However, that does not mean that students need to quit working out. The Student Recreation Center is offering fitness classes that are available to all students. The classes are free and there is no need to register.

Students will not receive credit or a grade for the classes. However, each student will gain better physical health and fitness. There are several classes to fit many different interests, health needs and busy schedules.

The majority of the classes take place from noon to 8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays in the classrooms in the second floor of the Student Recreation Center.

Even those with the most hectic schedules can find time to attend one of the fitness classes.

Following is a list of class descriptions, according to the Campus Rec website.

Studio Cycling – You will ride to inspirational music over a varied terrain, controlling the intensity of your workout with a resistance dial and pedal speed. Cycle class fits the needs of a wide range of abilities and fitness goals. It will deliver incredible calorie burn and personal challenge...all at a self-directed pace. Be sure to bring your towel and a bottle of water.

Zumba – A Latin-inspired dance-fitness session designed for dancers and non-dancers alike. It incorporates Latin and international music with dance moves that will get you a great workout. You don't need to know how to dance to have fun in this session. All levels are welcome.

Ab Lab – A class designed to strengthen & tone your mid-section like never before! Ab Lab hits all areas of your core including your upper abs, lower abs, obliques, and lower back. You can plan on 30 minutes of a non-stop core workout. All levels are welcome.

Yoga – This class will help you focus on your body, mind, and spirit through a series of basic standing and seated poses. Yoga increases flexibility and relieves you from the stresses of the day. Mats and other props are provided. All levels are welcome.

Total Body Blast – This class will raise your heart-rate, tone your body, increase your core strength, and improve your flexibility. Check out this energetic mix of cardio, strength & flexibility that will leave you feeling invigorated! All levels are welcome.

Cardio Boxing – A non-combat fitness session that will introduce technique and basic movements such as jabs, hook, and upper cuts. It is a high calorie burning session that is great for the new participant or those looking for an effective workout!

TGIF Mash-Up – 60 minutes of intervals that involve a “mash-up” of multiply styles of fitness workouts. Two instructors will lead you through strength training, yoga, cardio drills, cycling, kickboxing and more. All levels are welcomed in this easy to modify class.

Ab Lab 2.0 – This class is everything you love about Ab Lab plus more. Its 30 minutes of a great core workout plus each class a different muscle group will also be focused on...

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 p.m.		29 Minute Workout with Kimberly		29 Minute Workout with Kimberly	12:15 p.m. TGIF Mash-up with Kimberly and Paige
4 p.m.	Studio Cycling with Kimberly	Yoga with Katie	Studio Cycling with Kimberly	Yoga with Katie	
5 p.m.	29 Minute Workout with Norelli	Total Body Blast with Norelli	29 Minute Workout with Norelli	Total Body Blast with Norelli	
5:30 p.m.	Aqua Fit* with Donna	Calorie Blast Faculty/Staff Only with Julie	Aqua Fit* with Donna	Calorie Blast Faculty/Staff Only with Julie	
6 p.m.	Cardio Boxing with Meagan	6:15 p.m. Ab Lab 2.0 with Paige	Cardio Boxing with Meagan	6:15 p.m. Ab Lab 2.0 with Paige	
7 p.m.	Ab Lab with Meagan (30 Minutes)	Zumba with Mary Francis	Ab Lab with Meagan (30 Minutes)	Zumba with Mary Francis	
8 p.m.		Turbo Kick with Valli		Turbo Kick with Valli	

*Aqua Fit meets at the Elam Center Pool. Community patrons are welcome with an Elam Center membership or \$3.

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biceps/triceps, shoulders, chest, hamstrings or quadriceps.

29 Minute Workout – A muscle training session that gives you big results in little

time. Join us for this fasted paced total body workout. All levels are welcomed.

Turbo Kick – A class that gets the party started. With

cardio kickboxing and dance moves choreographed to the hottest music mixes, you'll be measuring your fun in sweat! It's high intensity, fast-paced, and totally addicting.

News

Bed bugs and other critters: living space cleanliness

Ashley Marshall

Guest Writer

Spiders, roaches, ants and bedbugs are creatures that students moving into a dorm or college apartment have to plan ahead to avoid.

Students staying in dorm rooms have the small luxury of having their bathrooms cleaned for them; however, it is still their responsibility to keep their half of the room clean.

Since the dorms have Resident Assistants, or RAs, to assist in checking rooms for cleanliness, there are consequences to having a dirty room. The Village Phases, Grove Apartments and the University Courts are also routinely checked for cleanliness.

Ryan Martin, UTM Housing assistant director of Residence Life gave several helpful tips for preventing the four-legged creatures from entering living spaces. He also gave tips on keeping living spaces clean.

"We encourage all of our residents to keep a sanitary living environment. This can be accomplished by routinely taking out the trash, keeping your dishes clean and cleaning

“We encourage all of our residents to keep a sanitary living environment. This can be accomplished by routinely taking out the trash, keeping your dishes clean and cleaning your personal and common areas on a regular basis.

your personal and common areas on a regular basis," Martin said. "We encourage everyone in the halls to share in the chores, so that it is not one person who is responsible. This will, in turn, help cut down on possible roommate conflicts."

"Also, if there are problems with your windows or exterior doors, residents can turn in work

orders online at www.utm.edu/housing or to the front desks," Martin said.

"Making sure your doors are sealed properly and window screens are intact can help unwanted pests from coming into your living areas. The Office of Housing has also contracted a pest control service to routinely spray out our buildings; however, if a resident has a room needing additional spraying, they can submit a work order to have this done."

Students staying in the Phases, Grove Apartments and the University Courts are responsible for keeping their entire living space clean. This space could include: a bathroom, kitchen, living area, bedroom and a porch space.

Anthony Prewitt, hall director of the University Village Phase II, and Lindee McCurley, community leader of the University Village Phase I, explained the consequences of not keeping the living area clean.

"Residence Life staff will conduct room checks once a month looking for safety hazards and unsanitary living conditions. If a resident has left a violation notification they will have five

business days to correct the problem. As long as the resident corrects the problem in that time period, there is no penalty. If the violation is not corrected, they will have a disciplinary meeting with their Hall Director. Subsequent violations will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct where the penalty will be at the discretion of the Student Conduct Officer. Our goal is not to penalize the residents, but to help them learn positive habits that will help the community," McCurley and Prewitt said in an email.

For those students that are moving into college apartments, it is also important to have knowledge about bedbugs.

"Bed bugs probably received their common name from their habit of feeding on humans while they sleep in their beds. Bed bugs have also been called 'red coates,' 'mahogany flats' and 'wall-lice,'" according to Pestworld.org.

It's important to check for bedbugs before bringing any mattress into the living space. To continue to stay bedbug free, wash the sheets and comforter once-a-week.

Before moving any items into the apartment check and clean

any spider webs found in the space. While performing that task, dust and buy a product to spray around the house to prevent insect infestation, especially in closets and cabinets.

Also, if furniture has been stored, make sure to inspect for any type of bugs before it is moved into the apartment; this will prevent the early stages of insects and the reproduction of the insects.

Once the prep work has been completed, it is up to the student to keep up his or her living space. To avoid roaches make sure that crumbs or any kind of food is not left out on the counter or dropped on the floor without being cleaned.

When cooking, clean as you go and wash dishes immediately; don't let them sit in the sink. This will also help to avoid a take-over of ants.

Now that the semester has started students are constantly busy, but the consequences of not keeping living spaces clean interrupts daily routines even more. If students spend at least thirty minutes each day cleaning they can prevent any unwanted four-legged friends.



Sigma Phi Epsilon awarded the Balanced Man Scholarship on August 28. There were nine finalists. (From left) Sigma Phi Epsilon President Mark Maloney, Andrew Herrman, Michael Doncourse, Davis Rader, Blake Powers, Ben Mimms, Cody Neely, Jamal Glenn, Jerrod Gaston and the scholarship donor Dr. Toby Hampton. | **Pacer Photo / Mary Jean Hall**



Sigma Phi Epsilon announced the Balanced Man Scholarship winners Aug. 28. Each winner received a \$500 check for having characteristics such as courage, athleticism and public speaking skills. (From left) Sigma Phi Epsilon President Mark Maloney, Davis Rader, Jamal Glenn, Jerrod Gaston and donor Dr. Toby Hampton. | **Pacer Photo / Mary Jean Hall**

Arts & Entertainment

Red Jumpsuit Apparatus performs at Soybean Festival

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Pacer Writer

Red Jumpsuit Apparatus performed on Student Night at the 2013 Soybean Festival.

In the past, bands such as Uncle Kracker and Bowling For Soup have performed on student night.

The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus is an alternative rock band that originated in Florida. In 2006, RJA released their first LP entitled "Don't You Fake It" and soon after gained national fame. Three of their most popular songs are "Face Down," "Guardian Angel" and "Damn Regret."

Anticipation grew Thursday night, Sept. 5, as fans surrounded the front area of the stage, all anxiously waiting for the night's entertainment. An hour before going on stage, Randy Winter, the band's rhythm guitarist, took a break from his warm up to interview with *The Pacer*. Winter shared his thoughts on their current tour.

"We just got back from the Philippines; it was crazy.

Security had to surround us because people were grabbing [at] us trying to rip us into the crowd," Winter said.

While not as intense as the Philippines, there were still shrill screams heard as they opened performing "False Pretense," the third song on their 2006 album "Don't You Fake It." Their set list consisted of 14 songs. The final song they performed was "Face Down."

As each song played, the excitement among the crowd peaked. The crowd cheered and many sang along in unison to every song performed.

"I sang the words to every song. ... It was amazing," said Desiree Douglas, a junior Wildlife Biology major at UTM.

Following the performance, fans waited in line to meet the band; the line at the merchandise table stretched for what seemed like an eternity.

"It was a great crowd tonight," said Ronnie Winter, the lead vocalist, who retired to the bus immediately after the show.

The gratitude of the Red



Red Jumpsuit Apparatus poses for a picture in their tour bus prior to taking the stage. | *Pacer Photo/ Sami Mobley*

Jumpsuit Apparatus was apparent when all members agreed that without their fans the band would be nothing.

"We're blessed to have been

given this life," said Randy Winter, guitarist.

Without a doubt, the Red Jumpsuit Apparatus was a hit among the crowd at this year's

Soybean Festival. The Student Activities Council sponsored the event and did their best to ensure the crowd was pleased with this year's performance.

Review: Matt Corby's music offers four-minute resolution to life

Lauren Kisner

Staff Writer

I'm going to let you in on a secret. Ever heard of Matt Corby? If you have, good for you, because no one I've come across has. If not, you can read this article and go tell all your friends that you know who Matt Corby is, and his music is a shot of life.

This musician first appeared on a show, "Australian Idol," aired in Australia, at the age of 16 in 2007. He finished as a runner-up. Seeing how at the moment he's leading a much more successful career than the actual winner, Natalie Gauci, runner-up, is arguably interchangeable with first second place. At the

moment, he is leading a more successful career than the actual winner, Natalie Gauci, which leads me to believe that runner-up might as well be called "first-second place."

In 2009, he relocated to the UK and signed with the label Communion by owner Ben Lovett, a band member of Mumford and Sons. There, he recorded his second EP. (For those who have no idea what that is, it's an extended play album, meaning it has more than one single on it. It's called EP, because it's too short to be a LP or full studio album. Don't sweat it; I didn't know what it was either before writing this article.)

After making this EP and

performing in numerous London concerts, he returned to Australia to play in fans' backyards all over the country. During December 2012, he released his most successful album to date called "In the Flame," receiving 5 platinum certifications by Australian Recording Industry Association. His vocals on the album are soulful and endearingly honest.

His upcoming album, which will derive from his Resolution EP album (released July 2013) has an unknown release date. It's in the process of being made as you read this! Spoiler alert: that's the secret. You now know about an album that isn't entirely finished. This 22-year-old musician has incorporated a

lot of his personal philosophies and struggle in his upcoming album.

The focus of the recently released Resolution EP album is the single "Resolution." The keyboard clarity and heartening pounding of drums all reflect Corby's view of the world and the role people play as individuals and collectively as a group.

"The song came from that, the reason that we are human. This is a real thing; we're animals that are social with one another and we are all living in the same time, so we should appreciate one another for that purpose. I think after you realize that, things become a little bit simpler. And I don't really [care]

if you don't understand that, that's the craziest thing, because it's not going to change the way I treat you – a human being," said Corby, in an interview with *The Spitpress* in June 2013.

In an hour's time, he writes about relationships with people, what the answer to life is, what it means to live "from the cradle to quarter age, [to buy the] book but [not] flip the page."

Everyone, between the ages of 18 and 22 especially, has a craving for answers and truth, whether it's about identity, dealing with other people, image and reputation, spirituality or life in general. Matt Corby has a resolution and it only takes four minutes to hear his thoughts in a beautifully inspiring song.

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Review: Kings of Leon brings new sound with 'Mechanical Bull'

Lauren Kisner

Staff Writer

There was something unnerving about watching the catastrophe they called the Video Music Awards held on August 25, 2013. Personally, I could feel my eyebrows growing tense and my teeth biting harder on my bottom lip with every shake and tongue gesture during Miley Cyrus' performance of her new song "We Can't Stop."

Although I cannot change what occurred in Brooklyn, I can prove that not all hope is lost in regards to future album releases from other musicians. On September 24th, Kings of Leon will be releasing an album called "Mechanical Bull." The band is launching a new sound from their new studio while holding on to the resounding echo of their past five albums.

In previous albums, the band's sound was a seamless and agreeable blend of rock 'n' roll, country and even psychedelic blues. They have molded their own style of southern rock in unhurried tempos, stirring guitar solos and echoing back vocals, never allowing themselves to become too involved with the lyrical message and more so with the instrumental message.

From their successful album "Only by the Night" (released 2008), hit songs such as "Use Somebody," "Sex on Fire" and "Be Somebody" were more alternative rock with jazzy precision in contrast to the country blues sound on their album "Youth and Young Manhood." This change in their sound increased their popularity, from a band of brothers (and cousin) who originally performed in the bars of Nashville, Tenn., to a band who is now popular across the nation and the U.K.

However, in order to really establish this band as legendary, producer Angelo Petraglia suggested making their sound more radio-friendly.

"I have this anti-radio person inside of me, but I'm pretty good at writing radio-friendly songs," said Lead Vocalist Caleb Followill, to Rolling Stone.

Mechanical Bull does just that with songs such as "Supersoaker" and "Wait For Me." KOL fashions a raw energy with fast-strumming instruments, steady deep melodies and striking lyrics.

"Having a year off definitely gave us some energy ... and I think having our own studio working out all the new kinks and figuring out everything for ourselves probably gave that raw feel to it," said Jared Followill, Caleb's brother and the band's bassist, in an interview with 3FM, a Dutch radio station.

While discovering their new sound, they managed to revive the bluesy roots they emerged from and still sustain a rocky alternative edge, enabling them to reach to a multitude of people. Whether you like indie, R&B, hip-hop, rock, country or any other type of music, there is still something that can captivate you in this album: the beat, the instrumental tug, the lyrical temper or even the climactic melodies.

Kings of Leon may not have made a lasting impression on you the first few hits, but I can genuinely assure you when "Mechanical Bull" is released this month, it will have at least one song your playlist is begging for (honestly, I think you'll find more than that if you keep an open mind). The new sound of Kings of Leon deserves to be heard. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain by hearing what they have to say.

Vanguard auditions 'Fools'

Becca Partridge

Arts and Entertainment Editor

UTM's Vanguard Theatre will be hosting auditions for their fall production, Sept. 16-17.

Auditions will be held at 7 p.m. in The Little Theatre, which is located in the Fine Arts Building; the selected play will be "Fools" written by Neil Simon.

"Fools" is a play about a small town in Russia in the late 19th century that has been cursed with unintelligence. The lead male character, Leon, is a teacher from outside the town. He has been hired to educate the daughter of the main family in the village.

Upon arriving at the town, Leon is informed that the villagers are all idiots because a curse was placed on them 200 years ago. There are two options to break the curse: educate the lead female character, Sophia,

within 24 hours, or have Sophia marry the heir of the family that placed the curse.

If Leon does not succeed, he will fall victim to the curse and forever be an idiot.

In an unexpected twist, Leon falls in love with Sophia at first sight. However, the curse makes the villagers unable to fall in love. His love for her causes him to work even harder to educate her within the allotted time.

The story that ensues is one ridiculous interaction after another. The town inhabitants are aware of their stupidity, but are unable to do anything about it.

"Fools" is a comedy that will appeal to everyone, and it is a play that will give our acting students good opportunities to play some very crazy characters," said Melanie Hollis, a UTM teacher, as well as Vanguard Theatre's costume designer.

This will be the first production in the new Fine Arts Building.

"Neil Simon's 'Fools' is a nice way to initiate our new 'Little Theatre' this fall. We are so excited about and proud of our new facility and ready to perform in this new space," Hollis said.

Everyone is encouraged to audition for this play, regardless of whether or not they have previous acting experience.

"I feel like a lot of people assume that the Vanguard Theatre is only for theatre majors or for those who intend on pursuing an acting career. This is not the case, and I'm hoping that this new play, along with the new space, will bring more people out to audition. This play is a great opportunity to expand your horizons," said Jonathan Fisher, a senior Broadcasting major who has performed in three Vanguard productions.

For more information regarding auditions or the play, contact Doug Cook at 731-881-7406.

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Bre Martin
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Arts & Entertainment

Review: Good, bad, ugly films of summer rated

John Nicholson

Staff Writer

If you know me, you know I love movies.

I watch them all the time, quote them all the time and base my life around characters all the time. This summer we were introduced to a lot of films that hoped to be the next "Avengers." Some came close and some completely missed the mark. Here is my list of the good, bad and ugly films from the summer of 2013.

Good:

"Man of Steel"- The brain child of Zach Snyder, the guy who brought us the likes of "Watchmen" and "300." "Man of Steel" tells the story of fan favorite, Superman, and his quest to be the hero we all know and love. Plus, his fathers, Russell Crowe and Kevin Costner, were both Robin Hood at some point. With that in your family, you are destined for greatness.

"Star Trek Into Darkness"- JJ Abrams once again takes us where no one has gone before, which I think was even better this time around. This is a film both hardcore and casual fans can really enjoy. It takes the old series and breathes life into it, making it the king of the sci-fi genre once again. Plus with Chris Pine, Karl Urban and Zachary Quinto ... I'm sold.

"Pacific Rim"- Guillermo del Toro uses some people's favorite things and throws them into one film. Robot mecha-suits,

brain synchronization, giant alien monsters and ultimate destruction are just a few of the things "Pacific Rim" blasts viewers with. I suggest throwing logic out of the window and enjoying this thrill ride of a movie.

"Now You See Me"- Magicians use their skills to pull off bank heists in this clever plot twist-filled film by Louis Leterrier, who is no stranger to action. With

adds nothing new to this type of comedy. It tells the story of a 40 something drug dealer who must create a clever ruse with people he knows to cross the border and transport a "smidge and a half" of marijuana back to the US. He takes the persona of a family man along with his stripper "wife," runaway "daughter," and socially oblivious "son." It does star some comedy favorites, Jason Sudeikis, Jennifer Aniston and Ed Helms.

rest of the X-Men present. The first two acts of the film were great, but the climax came up short, The Viper was completely unneeded, and it only bridges the gap between "X3: The Last Stand" and "Days of Future Past," which I am really excited for.

"After Earth"- Jaden Smith, M. Night Shyamalan, terrible CGI, and a stupid plot. That really sums up all you need to know about this film.

Jody Foster it's sad to see a plot hole driven snooze fest like this one flop. Maybe he should realize that he needs Peter Jackson more than he thought.

"The Great Gatsby"- Like "Elysium," Gatsby is a beautiful film. The visuals are breathtaking but as far as everything else, other than the brilliant Leonardo DiCaprio, this is a missed opportunity. The film does not know what time period it wants to be, and Toby Maguire is not only in the film but also the narrator. As the cliché goes, "books are always better than the movie."

"The Lone Ranger"- Two words: Johnny Depp.

"World War Z"- WWZ takes the phenomenal Max Brooks novel and says, "This was great, but what if ..." There needs to be a person hired to stand on the set of book films and every time the director says that, he needs to hit the director on the head with a brick. If you like mindless zombie violence, then you'll probably enjoy this.

"This is the End"- This film seemed like a "Saturday Night Live" sketch that lasted way too long. Although I did laugh during the film, I will say, just because you got high and thought of a funny idea, does not mean you should make it into a movie.

Well, there you have it, my list of the Good, Bad and Ugly of the summer. Hopefully the rest of the year will deliver us with more good films to counter act the bad taste in my mouth from the films mentioned.

The Good

"Man of Steel"
"Star Trek Into Darkness"
"Pacific Rim"
"Now You See Me"
"Monsters University"

The Bad

"We're The Millers"
"The Conjuring"
"The Wolverine"
"After Earth"
"R.I.P.D."

The Ugly

"Elysium"
"The Great Gatsby"
"The Lone Ranger"
"World War Z"
"This is the End"

an all star cast which includes Michael Cain, Morgan Freeman and Mark Ruffalo, this sleight of hand flick is quite entertaining.

"Monsters University"- Pixar dips into the sequel/prequel well instead of coming up with an original idea on this one, but they actually pull it off. It brings back John Goodman (Sully), Billy Crystal (Mike) and Steve Buscemi (Randal) as they go to a familiar place, college. The film deals with a lot things that our age group will understand and find hilarious.

Bad:

"We're The Millers"- Now, just because this film is on the bad list, doesn't mean it's unwatchable. It's actually quite funny, but it

So if you enjoy watching them on screen, this movie is for you.

"The Conjuring"- Again, this movie follows "The Millers" situation, not unwatchable, just nothing new. How many "family moves into a new house with a demonic entity" films do we need? This was James Wan's first solo outing as director without long time collaborator Leigh Whannell, proving the old saying is true. "If it ain't broken, don't fix it."

"The Wolverine"- It pains me to include this film in the bad category, but in an objective standpoint it needs to be. This film, to me, really shows that Wolverine is an awesome character but works best with the

"R.I.P.D."- Of all the bad movies, this one angers me the most. It stars Jeff Bridges, Kevin Bacon and Ryan Reynolds. How could it be terrible? Well, with a director with no direction, a poorly written script and CGI that makes "After Earth" look like "Avatar," "R.I.P.D." proves that even a great cast can't turn a terrible movie into a good one.

Ugly:

"Elysium"- Ugly is a bit of irony seeing that the visuals were the only thing good about this film. The fairly new film director, Neill Blomkamp, tried to recapture what made his first film "District 9" so great. But unfortunately he fell short with this one. With Matt Damon and

Forgotten Favorites column to appear online weekly

Each week, one of Pacer's staff writers, John Nicholson, will be posting a "Forgotten Favorite" on the website.

These articles will feature "forgotten" movies or television shows. One can expect to see such titles as "The Big Lebowski," "Tales From The Crypt," "Hocus Pocus" and "10 Things I Hate About You," as well as

many other favorites.

This week is featuring "Garth Marenghi's Darkplace." Be sure to check www.thepacer.net weekly for the "Forgotten Favorite" of the week.

Suggestions can be sent to Becca Partridge at rebjpart@ut.utm.edu.

Features

UTM UNLIMITED



UTM alumna Rebeca DeBoard Seitz was interviewed by CNN on August 16 regarding her blog, rebecaseitz.wordpress.com, in which she complained about the FCC allowing nudity during a commercial break when she and her 8-year-old son were watching Good Morning America while eating breakfast together. | Photo Courtesy / DeWayne Hamby

Some things should come with a warning

Sheila Scott

Features Editor

UTM alumna Rebeca DeBoard Seitz and her husband, Charles Seitz, routinely eat breakfast with their children, 8-year-old Anderson and 4-year-old Ella Christie, while watching the morning news, therefore providing an opportunity to then discuss with their children what they saw in the news but at a level more age appropriate to help them understand better.

Until recently, the family's breakfast routine had seemed to be working quite successfully

for all the concerned parties. The morning of Aug. 8 seemed like any other morning in the Seitz home; certainly there was no warning given that particular day's morning routine would end up bringing national attention to the household. That morning started like all others with only two minor variations. The first being that Charles Seitz, who until the family's recent move to Naples, Fla., worked in ITS at UTM, was away on a business trip and the second being that Ella Christie had slept in.

During that morning's routine of breakfast and news, a

commercial came on for a new ABC series called "Betrayal." When Seitz finally realized what was happening, it was too late; this commercial had not been preceded by a warning. Sometimes commercials or other materials that are of a mature nature are shown during hours that children might be watching are preceded by a warning; warnings let the parents decide whether or not their minors should be allowed to view the material. When Seitz looked over at her 8-year-old son, she saw that his eyes had gone huge. The reason for the sudden change was the scene on the television:

A totally nude man and woman were having sex. For clarification purposes, no genitals were shown in the commercial; however, it was very clear what they were doing.

At first, Seitz's motherly instinct to protect her son went into high gear and then the instincts instilled within her while she was at UTM earning both a degree in political science and a degree in communications and at Murray State earning her Masters in Mass Communication went into overdrive.

"I got Andy out of the room and took a picture of the image on my screen and texted it to my

husband, letting him know our son had seen that and he'd need to talk with him. I then posted it on my Facebook page to share with my friends who are also in the media and entertainment industries, to see if there was something we could do to stop it from happening again. Facebook removed my post, saying the image, 'violated community standards,'" Seitz said.

"A friend suggested I put it on my blog so we could all continue the discussion. Then a Fox News host [Todd Starnes] saw it and put a link to my blog post on his Facebook page. Then a reporter

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UTM alumnus strives to make difference in Tennessee

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Many of the people who come to UTM are from local high schools, such as Brandon Dodds, a UTM alumnus and native of Dyer County. Born and raised in West Tennessee, he is now doing his part to help improve the place he calls home.

Dodds graduated from Dyer County in 1992 and graduated from UTM in 1997 after double majoring in History and Biology.

"I had a great experience at Martin," said Dodds.

"I went to Dyer County High School and there was about 20 of us who came up here. ... [We all] played football [and] rushed the same fraternity [Alpha Tau Omega], so we really had a good time, learned a lot and made lasting friendships."

Dodds finally made the big move to Memphis in 1997 to attend the Southern College of Optometry, where he graduated in 2001.

"Memphis was a big transition. ... I lived with a fellow [Alpha Tau Omega], who went to Dyer County, who was going to physical therapy school at UT Memphis. We lived in the medical district and it was a pretty rough neighborhood ... We were grilling out one night and got shot at. Somebody just drove by and started shooting at us," said Dodds.

Three years after he graduated from the Southern College of Optometry, Dodds launched his own practice, Dodds Eyecare, in Newbern, Tenn.

"It's very satisfying," said Dodds. "We like to help people see, that's why we do it. We've grown pretty much every year. ... The biggest struggle [for] a small business owner is taxes and government regulation."

In 2008, after seeing how

President Bush was handling the current problems in the Middle East, Dodds published his first book, "Victory Dance."

"At the time, we were really floundering our policy in Iraq," said Dodds. "The military conquest was fairly easy because we have one of the finest militaries in the world. But as far as nation building, we went in there and didn't really understand the people and what they wanted."

In "Victory Dance," Dodds explains how a better understanding of Iraq and the installment of a constitutional monarch would have greatly aided the U.S. while trying to rebuild Iraq.

After he became concerned with the possibility of Obamacare becoming a reality, Dodds ran for Governor in 2010. Although he was not elected, he will use the experience he gained during his upcoming run for State Senate in the 27th District, which is comprised of Dyer, Crockett, Lauderdale, Lake and Madison counties. Dodds will be running on the Republican ticket after running as an Independent in the race for Governor.

Dodds is currently serving in the position of a County Commissioner in Dyer County.

His wife, April Baker Dodds, is also a native of Dyer County and a UTM alumna. The two met in high school where she was a cheerleader and he played football. After dating from the time she was a junior in high school and he was a freshman at UTM, the two married when Baker graduated from UTM in 1998 with a biology degree.

Once married, she joined Dodds in Memphis where he had just completed his first year of optometry school. They then relocated to Mud Island, which they felt was much safer.

"We'd often hear gunshots,"



UTM alumnus Dr. Brandon Dodds at Dodds EyeCare in Newbern, Tenn. | **Pacer**
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said Dodds, recounting his time in Memphis.

"We were on the 10th floor, so, the first thing we'd always do was to look over and see what was going on. I guess [we were] being stupid. Most people's instincts would be to get down when they heard gunshots, but we always looked over the balcony to see if someone

was getting shot or chased."

The couple lives in Newbern where they are raising their three sons: Cole, Bo and Clay.

Dodds has never forgotten or stopped caring about where he came from and that includes UTM and its current students.

"Find something you like you really like to do. Life's too short

to do something you don't like to do. You're usually more successful if you believe in something and don't be afraid to follow your dreams. You may fail, but if you don't follow your dreams, you automatically fail," Dodds said.

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Features

UTM UNLIMITED

Student reaps benefits of exploring opportunities

Sheila Scott

Features Editor

Kaitlyn Wilson from Randolph, Tenn., a junior Secondary Education major with a concentration in English, finds the beach in the afternoon to be a very relaxing place to complete reading assignments. Before dropping the paper and running off to find out how in the world anyone could have possibly missed a beach on this campus, read on.

Wilson has been spending her afternoons on a private beach on Saint Thomas. John Brewers Bay Beach is owned by the University of the Virgin Islands, UVI, where Wilson is studying abroad this semester.

According to the UVI website, "The University of the Virgin Islands (UVI) lies in the heart of the beautiful Caribbean. Although UVI is located in one of the most popular vacation spots in the world, it offers far more than just sun, sand, sea and palm trees. The UVI experience is uniquely multi-cultural, international, entrepreneurial and intellectually stimulating. UVI provides a vital and exciting environment for educating future leaders of the global 21st century community."

Wilson, who recently turned 20 years old, grew up along the Mississippi River with her family. Her father currently serves as the Covington

Chief of Police and her mother teaches first grade at Drummonds Elementary School. She has three brothers, one of which, Neil, is a UTM alumnus and a sister, Emily Kate, who is a UTM alumna.

While at UTM she has served as both the SGA Vice-President for the Freshman Council and a Student Ambassador. She loves reading, listening to music, sewing, hanging out with friends and actually enjoys working as well.

Although right now Wilson is thoroughly enjoying herself in the Virgin Islands, she is singing UTM's praises.

"I love the fact that Education majors get to go into classrooms almost immediately after being accepted into the program. This allows the student to decide whether or not he or she still has interest in the profession after seeing what all it takes to be a teacher," Wilson said.

UVI is small, not unlike UTM, but seems much bigger because of the mountains and hills the students have to climb to get to and from certain buildings on campus. The class sizes at UVI vary from three people to about 20 people at most. At UTM there are a few classes with sizes as low as three people but the majority of classes have sizes that range somewhere between 15 to 70 people.

There are many other differences between Saint Thomas and the US, specifically Martin. Such as, public transportation on Saint Thomas is called the Safari and costs \$1 if traveling to the city, which is sparsely populated and \$2 if traveling to the country, which is densely populated. The term city is commonly



Kaitlyn Wilson from Randolph, Tenn., is a junior Secondary Education major with a concentration in English. | **Photo Courtesy / Kaitlyn Wilson**

referred to the densely populated areas and the term country is commonly referred to the sparsely populated areas in the US, which carries the exact opposite meaning on Saint Thomas. On Saint Thomas the manner in which people commonly greet each other is quite different from the manner many in Martin are accustomed to using.

"In greeting an islander, you do *not* say 'Hello' or 'Hi' because they consider that to be lazy and rude. Instead, you say 'Good Morning,' 'Good Afternoon' or 'Good Night.' Islanders do not like American arrogance, so being boastful is not something to show off down here," Wilson said.

Not counting the private beach, a couple of other differences between UVI and UTM would be the golf course and UVI's open-air café that is only cooled by circulating fans. Whether it's a cafeteria with air

conditioning on a really hot day or one with only fans to keep cool, life is full of choices and opportunities, which are not always obvious and sometimes don't turn out to be quite what they seemed at first glance.

"If you are presented with opportunities, don't be scared to check into them. Doing your research on the opportunity does not mean that you are committed to it. Who knows, that opportunity just may send you to the Virgin Islands," Wilson said.

Learn more about UVI by visiting their website at www.uvi.edu. Keep up with Wilson's adventures while she studies abroad in the Virgin Islands by following her on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kaitlyn.wilson5454. To see more photos go to www.thepacer.net to view the Student Reaps Benefits photo gallery.



Wilson likes to study at this private beach, John Brewers Bay Beach, owned by the University of the Virgin Islands. | **Photo Courtesy / Kaitlyn Wilson**

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from The Blaze called and interviewed me and wrote a big piece on it a day or two later. From there, it's been a media firestorm. Glenn Beck's radio and television programs, CNN, Huffington Post, Capitol Hill Show ... it seems I'm not alone in thinking nudity shouldn't be served up during the morning news when audiences of all ages are watching."

Seitz grew up with her parents and sister in Hornbeak until she was in 4th grade and then the family moved to Dresden, Tenn. During her years at UTM, she was part of the University Scholars organization, served as a SGA senator and UTM ambassador, was a member of both Sigma Alpha Iota and PRSSA. The years Seitz spent at UTM were filled with many life-changing and wonderful experiences making pinning down a favorite thing about UTM challenging.

"My favorite thing about UTM was the faculty. Dr. Ogg, Dr. Nanney, Dr. May and others did not treat me as a student. They approached me as someone with a mind worth engaging and an ability to perform. I appreciated that immensely – the freedom they gave to learn, explore and ask questions," Seitz said.

Seitz considers herself to be a story junkie. All of her hobbies relate in some way to stories. She is interested in reading, watching and writing TV, going to and watching movies, scrapbooking her family's life, promoting the works of other storytellers and people watching.

Seitz started her career as a launch publicist for Thomas Nelson Publishers' in their fiction division. After a year, she left and opened a company

called Glass Road. It originally started as a public relations firm for storytellers but has now grown into a publisher and artist management company as well.

Seitz is also a published author herself. She published her first novel, "Prints Charming," in 2007 and has gone on to publish four more since, including: "Sisters, Ink," "Coming Unglued," "Scrapping Plans" and "Perfect Piece." She is currently writing a storyline for both a TV movie that will serve as the pilot to a series and a series of novels featuring the same characters.

Two years ago Seitz and a group of like-minded individuals in Naples, Fla., a conservative town with Hollywood-like characteristics, founded the non-profit SON: Spirit of Naples.

"It's a place where people of faith who are film/TV production or publishing people, writing mainstream, commercially-viable material, can get together, learn, and help each other get their work produced/published, distributed and promoted," Seitz said.

The Seitz family moved to Naples, Fla., over the summer partially because of the tremendous growth of SON but mainly to be closer to Charles Seitz's parents, who live in Naples; however, Seitz has not forgotten UTM or its students.

"Congratulations. You are at an incredible university. Use your time wisely – enjoy, play, build relationships, engage and perform well both in and out of the classroom. The habits and ideas you form during this time will affect you for years to come. Choose and consider with care," Seitz said.



UTM alumna Rebeca DeBoard Seitz and her husband Charles Seitz. Charles Seitz worked in the ITS department on the UTM campus until the family recently moved to Naples, Fla. | **Photo Courtesy / Eva Marie Everson**

Read Seitz's blog post that started the national buzz at: rebecaseitz.wordpress.com/. The "Betrayal" commercial referred to in this article can be viewed at: www.thehollywoodgossip.com/videos/betrayal-trailer/. The Huffington Post article referred to in this article can be viewed at: www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/16/rebeca-seitz-porn-ad-morning-television_n_3768455.html. The interview with The Blaze can be viewed at: www.theblaze.com/stories/2013/08/13/frustrated-mom-posts-scathing-blog-post-excoriating-hollywoods-immorality-after-her-young-son-sees-shocking-sex-scene/. The Glenn Beck interview can be viewed at: www.glennbeck.com/2013/08/14/what-is-happening-to-american-entertainment/.

Sports

Skyhawks battle but fall 63-14 at FBS national power Boise State

Sports Information

The UTM football team took on Boise State, but fell to the Football Bowl Subdivision powerhouse by a 63-14 margin at Bronco Stadium.

The Skyhawks accounted for touchdowns in the first and fourth quarters. Dylan Favre earned the starting nod and led UTM to the endzone late in the first quarter to tie the score at 7-all. Jarod Neal also guided the Skyhawk offense into the endzone early in the fourth quarter. Favre completed 68 percent of his passes (15-for-22) for 155 yards and a touchdown, while Neal went 6-for-13 for 55 yards.

Jeremy Butler led UTM with nine receptions for a game-high 118 yards. It was his fourth 100-yard receiving game in just 12 career games at UTM. On the ground, DJ McNeil tallied a game-high 87 yards on 19 carries to go along with a touchdown, the 16th rushing touchdown of his career.

Defensively, Ben Johnson tallied a game-high 10 tackles (seven solo). Tony Bell also generated six tackles, five tackles-for-loss, two sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery. Camaren Harris added a pair of pass breakups for UTM (1-1).

Joe Southwick (17-for-25, 234 passing yards, five touchdowns), Jay Ajayi (80 rushing yards, two touchdowns) and Shane Williams-Rhodes (seven catches, 89 yards, two touchdowns) led Boise State, who rank first in the nation with a .871 winning percentage since 2000.

"It's obviously disappointing that we didn't give Boise State a better fight," UTM head coach Jason Simpson said.

"We didn't play mistake-free, and they took advantage of



The Boise State Broncos squared off against the UTM Skyhawks at Bronco Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Broncos went on to defeat the Skyhawks 63-14. | **Photo Credit / Megan Riley**

that. Now we have to go back to work, look at our mistakes and give ourselves a chance to gain some momentum next week."

The UTM defense came out swarming, forcing a turnover on Boise State's first offensive possession. On third-and-nine from the UTM 37-yard line, Bell broke through for a sack, forcing a fumble and scrambling back to fall on the fumble to give the Skyhawks the ball on their own 45-yard line.

Bell came up big again on UTM's next defensive drive, coming up with yet another sack for a four-yard loss. The Broncos would eventually punt after the Skyhawk defense forced a three-and-out.

Boise State would score on its next drive, as Ajayi rushed up the middle for an 11-yard touchdown at the 8:05 mark.

However, the Skyhawks answered to tie the game at

7-all on the ensuing drive. Favre connected with Trent Garland for an 11-yard touchdown strike down the left sideline to cap off a 13-play, 75-yard drive that lasted 5:16. Favre went 5-for-5 for 42 yards passing on the drive and added 16 yards rushing.

The Broncos scored on a 54-yard pass on their next possession to go ahead 14-7 through one quarter of play.

Boise State recovered an onside kick on its next possession and scored on a five-yard pass to go on top by a 21-7 margin.

McNeil had a 21-yard rush to start UTM's next drive, as the Skyhawks marched into Boise State territory. However, the Skyhawks decided to attempt it on fourth-and-two from the Boise State 38-yard line but were stopped after one yard.

After Boise State scored to make the score 28-7, the Skyhawks once again began to

march the ball down the field – highlighted by a 20-yard pass from Favre to Kyle Kerrick. However, a pair of penalties backed UTM up and forced the Skyhawks to punt.

UTM's next defensive drive started out promising, as yet another tackle-for-loss by Bell set up a fourth-and-nine from the UTM 37-yard line. However, Boise State converted a 28-yard pass and three plays later, scored on a 5-yard pass.

Boise State scored on an interception return as a result of a tipped pass and a fumble on a kickoff return to go ahead 49-7, at the halftime margin.

The Broncos converted a fourth-and-seven with a 30-yard touchdown pass on their opening possession of the second half. UTM then stopped Boise State on a three-and-out on the Broncos' next possession, thanks to a key tackle for loss by Johnson.

Favre hit Butler for a 45-yard

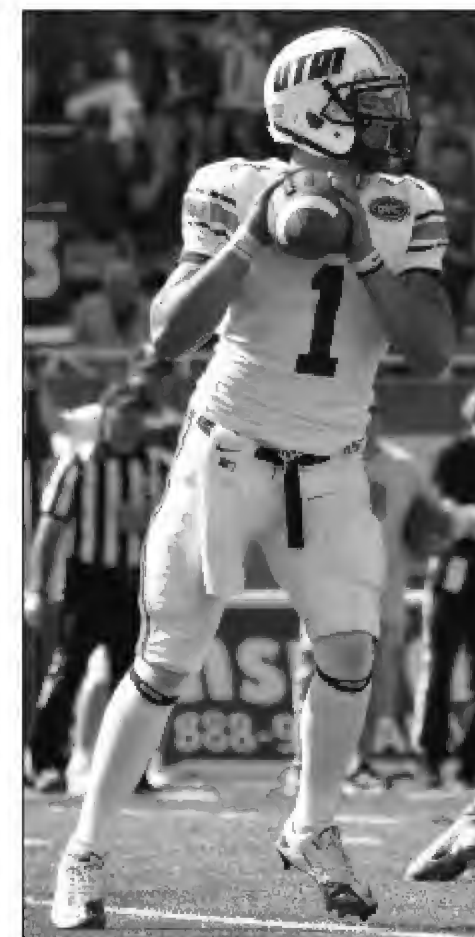


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pass on UTM's next drive, but the Skyhawks could not get back on the scoreboard.

Boise State would score on their next possession before another three-and-out by the UTM defense.

Neal then led the Skyhawks to a scoring drive. He found Butler for a 28-yard gain to lead UTM into Boise State territory. McNeil then completed the drive with a four-yard rush up the middle. Jackson Redditt successfully booted the PAT to make the score 63-14 with 13:08 left in the game. UTM's scoring drive consisted of 16 plays for 84 yards in a span of 5:09. That would prove to be the last scoring play for either side.

The Skyhawks return to action next Saturday, Sept. 14 for their home opener against Central Arkansas. Kickoff from Hardy Graham Stadium is set for 6 p.m.

Sports

UTM volleyball team splits final day of Country Inn and Suites Invitational

Sports Information

The UTM volleyball team closed out a successful weekend by splitting a pair of matches against in-state foes at the Country Inn and Suites Invitational on Saturday.

The Skyhawks defeated host University of Tennessee at Chattanooga 3-2 (23-25, 25-18, 25-16, 22-25, 15-9) in the afternoon and fell to University of Tennessee at Knoxville 3-1 (29-27, 20-25, 20-25, 17-25) to take three out of four in the tournament and sit at 6-2 overall on the season.

Following the conclusion of the last match of the tournament, Amanda Crask and Emily Keaton were named to the all-tournament team. This was the second time Keaton has been named to an all-tournament squad in as many weekends.

Against UTC, five Skyhawks eclipsed the double-digit kill mark, led by Keaton's 17 kills. Crask tallied the second triple-double of her career with a career-high 15 kills, career-high 52 assists and 12 digs. Lynsey Hazelwood (12 kills), Shelby Hoskins (11) and Allie Whimpey (11) also reached double-figures in the kill column.

Bowles registered 23 digs to lead five Skyhawks with double-figure dig totals. One day after setting a career-high in digs, Hazelwood once again achieved a career-high with 15 digs. Larson was responsible for 15 digs as well, while Keaton completed her double-double with 14 digs.

Against UTK, Whimpey led the way with 11 kills, while Keaton added 10 kills.

The Pacer Player of the Week



Amanda Crask

- Against UTC, Crask recorded the program's third-ever triple-double with career-highs of 15 kills and 52 assists to go along with 12 digs.
- Crask earned Country Inn and Suites All-Tournament honors
- Crask earned OVC Player of the Week

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Hazelwood, Julia Devinney and Crask also recorded eight kills apiece. Crask hit .412 (one error in 17 attempts) while also collecting 39 assists and a career-best 18 digs. Bowles accounted for 21 digs while Larson scooped up 14 digs to lead the Skyhawks.

"Do what we do well" has been our approach to this season," said head coach Darrin McClure.

"We have worked extensively on getting better offensively. This weekend I felt scoring was not a problem for us. Even against [UTK] we had more kills than they did – the difference in that match was our errors. Against [UTC] I couldn't be more happy about our kills – we did a phenomenal job in that category. Our focus moving forward will be to be more efficient. I am very proud of our effort this weekend."

Against UTC, the Skyhawks jumped to a 3-1 lead in the

first set before UTC scored six unanswered. UTM then went on a 14-6 run, going on top by a 17-13 margin thanks to a Keaton kill. The Skyhawks went on top by a 23-21 margin but UTC ended the set with four straight points to gain a 1-0 advantage.

Crask's five kills (against zero errors) in seven attempts paced UTM in the first set.

UTC led 7-6 in the second set but the Skyhawks charged back to score four unanswered to take a 10-7 advantage. UTC would get back within a single point at 13-12 but UTM kept charging and never conceded the lead. After UTM led 21-18, the Skyhawks ended the set on a 4-0 run, capped off by a Crask kill to even the match at 1-1.

Crask's five kills and 10 assists paced UTM in the second set.

A 4-1 start helped the Skyhawks claim an early advantage in the third set, as a

7-1 run later on resulted in a 15-7 UTM advantage. UTC would get within 19-15, but UTM quickly scored six of the last seven points – ending with a Michelle McLaughlin service ace – to take a 2-1 set lead.

Hazelwood, Crask and Whimpey each secured four kills in the third set, helping the Skyhawks hit .250. Crask chipped in with 14 assists off of UTM's 18 kills.

UTC led 9-4 to start off the fourth set, eventually going on top by a 17-9 margin until a Keaton kill stopped the run. Despite the deficit, UTM kept fighting – getting within two points at 24-22 thanks to two straight kills by Keaton. However, an assisted block by UTC led to a fifth set.

The Skyhawks controlled the fifth set from the beginning, claiming a 4-2 lead early. UTC would slice its deficit to one (7-6) before UTM extended its advantage out to 9-6, forcing UTC to call a timeout. The Skyhawks would soon lead 13-8 and would clinch the victory thanks to a Whimpey kill.

Keaton had five kills to lead UTM in the fifth and final set.

UTM came out fired up in the first set against Tennessee, securing the first five points courtesy of three kills by Devinney. An assisted block by Keaton and Alisha Erves put the Skyhawks on top 8-2 and forced UTK to call a timeout. After a Crask service ace put UTM ahead 10-3, UTK scored five unanswered points but the Skyhawks were able to take a 17-13 lead behind back-to-back kills by Crask and Erves. UTK used a 7-2 run to take a 20-19 lead but the Skyhawks battled

back to close out the set with three straight kills.

The Skyhawk offense stood out in the first set, as UTM hit .296 with 23 kills. Keaton registered six kills while Crask was a perfect 4-for-4 attacking and added 16 assists.

In the second set, UTM jumped out to a 6-4 lead early but UTK came back with an 11-0 run to lead 15-6. The Skyhawks were able to claw back within three points when Whimpey and Shelby Hoskins combined for an assisted block to make the score 20-17. However, UTM's comeback attempt fell just short.

The Skyhawks scored four of the first five points of the third set and would keep the lead until a 5-0 UTK run made the score 13-8. Back-to-back kills by Hazelwood and Hoskins sliced the Skyhawk deficit to three at 13-10 but UTK would come back with a 5-1 run. UTM would get back within four points on five more occasions but couldn't get closer than that for the remainder of the set.

UTM took a 9-6 lead to start off the fourth set but UTK soon scored four unanswered to start a 8-2 run. Kills from Crask and Keaton brought the Skyhawks back within one at 15-14 until UTK pieced together five consecutive points. A Bowles service ace brought UTM back within four at 21-17, but UTK accounted for the last four points of the set.

Bowles had nine digs in the fourth set to lead the Skyhawks.

UTM returns to action this weekend (Sept. 13-14), when it will play four matches in the span of two days in a tournament hosted by the University of Alabama.

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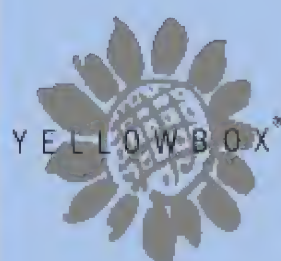
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